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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant provides a Preliminary Amendment in response to the Final Rejection of July 6, 2010 in the above-captioned case.

- A listing of the claims begins at sheet #2 of this paper; and
- Remarks begin at sheet #10.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to the Glenn Patent Group Deposit Account No. 07-1445, Customer No. 22862.